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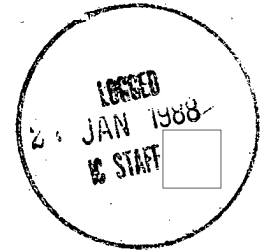
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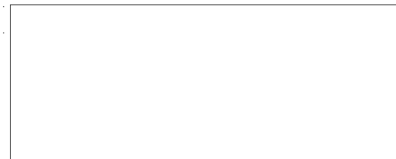
SUBJECT: Transmittal of Minutes, FIRWG Meeting of 15 January 1988

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1. Attached please find the Minutes of the Future Information Requirements Working Group Meeting of 15 January 1988, with attachment.

2. Your attention is called to the attachment, COFIR Weighting Methodology, which is forwarded for your information and review.

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Future Information Requirements Working Group

Minutes

January 15, 1988

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 0945 in []

[] The following personnel attended the meeting:

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Members:

[] IPC Staff, Chairman

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Thomas Riley, Navy

[] DIA

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[] NSA

Janice Brewster, State

[] CIA

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Alice Norris, USAF

[] NSA

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Observers:

[] Chief, IPC Staff

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[] COMIREX

[] HUMINT

[] MASINT

[] SIGINT []

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The Chairman opened the meeting by introducing those in attendance, as there were a number of new faces. He then mentioned that the IPC Staff is now ensconced in its new quarters on the 5th floor, south side, of []

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[] He added that the Staff has a new chief in the person of [] and that soon there will be a new Chairman of the Intelligence Producers Council because John Helgerson has been reassigned. No successor has as yet been named. []

The Chairman observed that in addition to [] of COMIREX, who usually comes to FIRWG meetings, the three other collection committees, HUMINT, MASINT and SIGINT were also represented. He welcomed them to the meeting. He pointed out that the COFIR takes into account collection capabilities of the various INTs and talked about the difficulties encountered in making judgments about their contributions to the answers to requirements 10 to 15 years into the future. He expressed the hope that the representatives may be able to help the FIRWG in selecting the proper weights for the HILMS. He invited them to participate in the discussions. []

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Next, the Chairman turned the meeting over to [] Chief of the Intelligence Producers Council Staff. [] said the Staff had many projects to work on, contrary to the belief of some. He said the COFIR is just one of many projects, albeit a very important one, that the Staff is involved in. He said that the Staff would embark on some new projects. For example, the development of an intelligence gaps file will be one new project which will grow out of the NITs consumer surveys. Also, he mentioned that he plans to disseminate to IPC principals a monthly report of IPC Staff activities. []

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Next, the Chairman discussed briefly the weighting methodology. He pointed out that the methodology presently in the COFIR is labeled as an interim system and that a new system is promised. To that end, the Chairman has drafted a brief statement of work for inclusion in a Request for Proposal (RFP) which he plans to disseminate to a number of contractors who might be interested in developing a weighting methodology. A copy of the draft of the work statement is attached. The Chairman asked that the members read the draft and make comments. [] CIA representative, offered to support the development of the weighting methodology by pledging the help of a person he has under contract. []

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Then the Chairman asked [] to discuss the work he has been doing in DIA to pull all requirements together in an attempt to systematize the development of requirements at the analyst level and regularize the handling of them with the hope that answers will be forthcoming from the collection systems. This process will have some interesting benefits. Gaps should be easy to identify; it should be possible to take advantage of economics of scale because selection of INTs to respond will be narrowed, saving time and resources. []

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Finally, the Chairman introduced the major item on the agenda, the COFIR review process. He got to the point in his brief about the review of 2635 DIPs when the Navy representative, Tom Riley, stated he was not ready to ask the Navy to review all of the DIPs and that the proposal sounded like a zero-based review which is to take place every five years. [] also, expressed essentially similar statements. [] averred that changes in the substance of the DIPs, particularly if the changes were extensive, were very disruptive to the FIRF(I), which COMIREX is trying to stabilize. She mentioned that it will cost an estimated [] to make the present COFIR and FIRF(I) compatible. []

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The consensus of the members seems to be that the proposal made by the Chairman is too ambitious and that some scaled-down process should be employed for review. It was also suggested by members that a review of the COFIR is premature since the latest version of the document was issued in September 1987. The Chairman will develop a less ambitious plan for annual reviews and ask the Working Group members to consider it for implementation. []

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